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I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION  
APPLICATION, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(a)**

<u>Claimed</u>	<u>Priority</u>
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<u>USC §119(a)</u>	
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